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1. EMBASSY HAS RESERVED SUITE FOR AMBASSADOR BENNETT AND 6 SINGLE ROOMS AT HYATT REGENCY. HYATT PROVIDES SPECIAL RATES, E.G. SINGLES RATE OF \$15 FOR EMBASSY GROUPS AS COMPARED USUAL SINGLES RATE OF \$19-27.

2. ALTHOUGH CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR SULU VILLAGE INN, UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR AIRPORT, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BELIEVES IT WILL NOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME. MANILA HOTEL, ACROSS LUNETTA PARK FROM EMBASSY, IS THEREFORE BEING PREPARED AS CONFERENCE SITE (DISCLOSURE OF THIS NOT TO BE MADE UNTIL APRIL 15 IN DEFERENCE TO SULU VILLAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT TO BE READY IN TIME). DFA HAS BOOKED BLOC OF ROOMS AT MANILA HOTEL AS OFFICES FOR DELEGATES FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND THOSE NOT REQUIRED BY IO'S WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COUNTRY DELEGATIONS. DFA IS RENOVATING 10 ROOMS ONLY, AND AFTER INSPECTION EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT ONLY SPACE ACCEPTABLE WITHOUT RENOVATION IS SUITES. TWO SUITES IN BLOC RESERVED BY DFA MAY BE AVAILABLE AT \$41 DAILY AND ONE SUITE TWO FLOORS UP (USED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON IN 1966) IS AVAILABLE AT ABOUT \$5 MORE).

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3. SUITES CONSIST OF TWO ROOMS, ONE 4.5 X 8 METERS

OR 4.5 X 9 METERS AND SECOND ROOM APPROXIMATELY
4.5 X 6 METERS. IF AMBASSADOR BENNETT UTILIZES
SMALLER ROOM AS OFFICE, LARGER ROOM CAN PROVIDE OFFICE
SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL 3 OR AT MOST 4 PEOPLE. TWO
SUITES HAVE ADDITIONAL CONNECTING ROOM AVAILABLE AT
\$8-13 DAILY. AS ALTERNATIVE, OR SUPPLEMENT, TO HOTEL
MANILA OFFICE SPACE, EMBASSY COULD MAKE AVAILABLE ONE
ROOM IF DESIRED. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP FOR MANILA HOTEL
BOOKINGS.

4. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES BEING ABLE PROVIDE NECESSARY
FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES.

5. EMBASSY CAN NOT SURNISH CARS WITH DRIVERS, BUT
HIRE CARS ARE AVAILABLE AT \$33 FOR 12 HOUR DAY, WITH
DRIVERS AND AIR CONDITIONING, STANDARD-SIZED. AID
MAY ALSO HAVE AID CARS AVAILABLE, PROBABLY ON REIMBURS-
ABLE BASIS AT 22C PER MILE. NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR
OVERTIME.

6. TAXIS ARE READILY AVAILABLE AT ABOUT 19 CENTS
PER MILE.

7. EMBASSY SECRETARIAL SITUATION VERY TIGHT AND
SECRETARIES UNLIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE. EMBASSY LOOKING
INTO POSSIBILITY THAT EMBASSY DEPENDENTS MIGHT BE
AVAILABLE FOR TEMPORARY HIRE. IF SO, WHAT RATE WOULD
DELEGATION OFFER THEM, AND WOULD SHORTHAND BE REQUIRED?
OTHER QUALIFIED U.S. SECURITY CLEARED SECRETARIES
NOT AVAILABLE FOR LOCALHIRE.
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